



# Westminster Presbyterian Church

*So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new  
creation—everything old has passed away;  
see, everything has become new!”*

II Corinthians 5:17

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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Day of Pentecost

May 20, 2018

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Gathering Music – *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*  
*Carillon*

Martin  
Martin

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)

Holy One, when Christ ascended into heaven to reign with you in power and glory, you sent the Spirit of truth to guide us into the way, the truth, and the life of Christ. Let your Spirit, our Advocate, guide us still — preserving us from judgment, protecting us from sin, and leading us into righteousness, so that we may testify to the good news: fullness of life and joy for all; through Jesus Christ our Savior and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Robin Roberts

Call to Worship – (*responsive*)

The word of the Lord to the prophet:

**I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;**

Yours sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

**Your old shall dream dreams**

And your young shall see visions.

\* Hymn of Praise – *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us (see insert)*

\* Call to Confession

\* Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a burning desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.** (time for silent confession)

\* Assurance of Pardon

\* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, amen.**

### **Proclaim God's Word**

Time with Children Mary Clare Royals

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading – Romans 8:22-27 pew Bible pg. 919

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *How Can I Keep from Singing* arr. Stephen Caracciolo

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing,  
It sounds as echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.  
And though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is lord of heaven and earth. How can I keep from singing?

Second Reading – Acts 2:1-21 pew Bible pg. 885

The Word of the LORD. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *In Our Languages We Hear Them Speaking*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

### **GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

Ordination and Installation of New Officers

\* Affirmation of Faith: (*unison*) A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and  
renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of  
Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules  
our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us  
through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of  
baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

- \* Hymn of Thanksgiving 286 – *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Prayers of Intercession and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offertory – *Come, Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire*

Broughton

- \* The Doxology – Hymn 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

- \* Prayer of Dedication

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

- \* Hymn of Consecration 66 – *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

- \* Charge and Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

- \* Postlude – *Fanfare*

Mouret

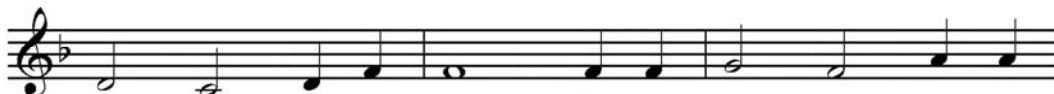


\*Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold**.

## Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us



1. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; come with
2. We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the
3. Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us



Pen - te - cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er  
grace of yes - ter - years; for to - mor - row's un - known  
words of fire and flame. Help our fee - ble lips to



vi - sion; help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up -  
path - way, hear, O Lord, our hum - ble prayers. In the  
praise you, glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Fa - ther,



on a firm foun - da - tion, Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner -  
church - 's pil - grim jour - ney you have led us all the  
Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One: what mys - ter -



stone, still the church is called to mis - sion that God's  
way; still in pres - ence move be - fore us, fire by  
y! We would sing our loud ho - san - nas now and



love shall be made known.  
night and cloud by day.  
through e - ter - ni - ty.



## **PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH**

*Marilyn Bowen, Sam Dossett's sister – colon cancer*

*Margaret Buckley – recovering at home*

*Brandi Carter, friend of Nancy Johnson – postponed cancer scans*

*Ruthie Davis – upcoming surgery*

*Andrew Dennis, Beverly and Charles Dennis' son – melanoma*

*Sam Dossett – continued prayers*

*Lauranne Doggett, Sarah Brannon's sister – Alzheimer's*

*Sarah Ellena, daughter of Martha Ann and Charles Hogrefe – recovery from alcohol addiction*

*Katie Hall, friend of Bob Lochhead – slowly recovering from a brain aneurism*

*Mary Halliwell, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – pancreatic cancer*

*Nell Hollingsworth, Holley Holifield's nanny – moved to Bedford Care*

*Stephanie Liddell, Geri Jones' daughter – employment and special prayers*

*Rush McClinton, Jeanne Herring's nephew – in rehab after surgery*

*Crystal Miller, friend of Nancy Johnson – recovering from double lung & heart transplant*

*Cindy Nobles – undergoing treatment for the recurrence of cancer*

*James Reid, Carolyn McLarnan's brother – motor neuron disease or ALS*

*Sharon Sabin, friend of Mary and Dean Cromartie – advanced cancer and Parkinson's*

*Margaret Suttle*

*Patty Talbot, Ann Aldridge's sister – receiving treatments*



## Greeting and Announcements

**Welcome to Westminster!** We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please turn off cell phones during the worship hour.

Today the **Growing Spiritually Committee** will meet at 11:30 in the conference room.

**Brown Bag Bible Study** meets Tuesday at noon. We will be studying II Kings 22-23.

All **Men of the Church** are invited to meet Thursday, May 24, at 6:30 a.m. at Shoney's.

**Choir** will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

If you wish to place fresh flowers in the sanctuary in honor or memory of someone or for a special occasion, please contact Martha Davis at the church office to reserve a date.



**Today the children, youth, and their parents** are invited to an end of year celebration at the church, from 4:30-6:30. Come ready to get wet! We will have inflatable water slides and water balloon games on the lawn. Bring a lawn chair. Supper will be provided, but feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

noon in Montague Hall. Everyone is invited to attend, but RSVPs are essential. Contact Tommy Suttle at [tommy@wpchattiesburg.com](mailto:tommy@wpchattiesburg.com) The guest speaker is Becky Stewart from Domestic Abuse.

**New Beginnings** luncheon is Monday at

**Today's Pentecost Offering** insert relates how Young Adult Volunteers can learn skills to help them grow in Christ and lead our church into the future. The Pentecost Offering makes real and lasting impact in the lives of our young children.

**Today we honor Sarah Beth Suttle during worship.** She is a 2018 graduate of Petal High School.

## **Ordination and Installation of Elders, Deacons, and Trustee**

During today's worship, the session will ordain Jackson Creel, Chad Edmonson, and Brandon Hayes to the office of Deacon, and Ginny Graham, Claude Sanders, and Eric Reidenbach to the office of Ruling Elder and will install them to active service on their respective boards to begin on July 1, 2018.

The session will also install to active service, beginning on July 1, 2018, those who have been previously ordained: deacon Rhoda Picket, deacon Beth Richmond and Ruling Elder David Arnold.

The session also recognizes and encourages prayers for Mary Cromartie who will begin service as a Trustee for the church on July 1, 2018.



**VBS for all ages.** June 10-12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

A meal will be provided. More information to follow.

**NEWSLETTER INFO** for June is due May24.

Please email [wes@WPCHattiesburg.com](mailto:wes@WPCHattiesburg.com)



Just as the human body needs eyes, hands, ears, lungs, etc., so does the Body of Christ. We have many small group opportunities for growth, fellowship and service here at Westminster. We encourage members to use their gifts to participate in the mission of this congregation and to invite others to join us in serving Jesus Christ.

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**The Seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

A Symbolic Statement of the Church

The Cross – Christianity

The Transept – Bible and Pulpit

The Dove – The Holy Spirit

The Intersection – Baptismal Font or  
Communion Cup

Flames – Implied triangle, the Trinity

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**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2018**

Gene Owens  
Michael Raggio  
Robin Roberts

**Class of 2019**

Althea Jerome  
J. T. Johnson  
Cindy Nobles

**Class of 2020**

Margaret Brooks  
Dean Cromartie  
Kathryn Cummings

**THE TRUSTEES**

Franklin Bryant    Gene Fair    Wally Gregg

**THE DEACONS**

**Class of 2018**

Shane Brooks  
Kathy Cain  
Howard Keever  
Beth Richmond

**Class of 2019**

David Daves  
Janeil Harris  
Butch Nobles  
Susan Turner

**Class of 2020**

Katie Ginn  
Judy Haydel  
Sinclair Lundy  
Robert Lochhead  
**Youth Representative**  
Sarah Beth Suttle

**CHURCH STAFF**

Christopher Crowell, Minister  
Sinclair Lundy, Financial Secretary  
Randall Harris, Organist  
Wes Brooks, Communications

Tommy Suttle, Director of Discipleship  
Martha Davis, Church Administrator  
Connie Roberts, Chancel Choir Director  
Jenny Maul, Children's Music Director

Ray Robinson, Sexton